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ROADS OF GRAVEL.

When Properly Rellt, They Ferm a Satisfactory Highway.

When good packing gravel is easily obtained, a satisfactory road can be made by covering the prepared surface with a greater or less depth of this ma-terial. Blue graval or hardpan and clean bank gravel, when properly mixed and placed, give a surface almost like concrete in hardness.

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The foundations for stone and gravel roads are too often neglected. It is well to remember that without a durable foundation there is no durable road. The cross section of the foundation should conform to that of the finished road, and should be so thoroughly rolled that wagons passing over it make no perceptible impression.

A layer of gravel not less than four inches nor more than six inches in thickness should then be spread or sprinkled thoroughly and rolled until very compact and firm. Next spread another layer of the best gravel available over the surface to a depth of not exceeding four inches. All inequalities, together with stone and gravels exceeding three-fourths of an inch in diameter, should then be raked out. It is again sprinkled and rolled until the desired hardness and smoothness are obtained. The roller is doubtless the most important piece of machinery connected with the building and maintenance of roads, and it cannot be used too often, especially in spring, when the frosts and rains are so destructive.

WARTIME GIFT RETURNED. Missourian's Distant Rolative Writes

film After Thirty Years. A sequel to an interesting story developed at Warrensburg, Mo., recently. when William Zoll received a letter from a distant kinsman of whom he had not heard for 80 years. William Zoll is now 84 years of age. In 1862 he re-caived a message from a distant rela-tive, Barney Zoll, in which the latter told of his capture by Union soldiers and incarceration in the Federal prison at Camp Chase. Barney Zoll was not a soldier, but he sympathized keenly with the south, and it was for this sympathy that he was imprisoned. William Zoll, on the other hand, sympathised just as keenly with the Union.

Nevertheless his kinsman's appeal touched him deeply, and, although he was not possessed of much means at the time, he continued to send some money and tobacco and clothing to the prisoper from time to time. When Barney Zoll was released from prison, the remittances to him from William Zoll had amounted to about \$80, says the

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Several latters passed between the ceased. In a short time William Zoll lost trace of his kinsman. The other day, however, William Zoll received a letter, 87 years after the first one, from the former Confederate. He was very much emprised to find in it a check for \$100. The letter was as fol-

Radford, Va., June 16.

William Zotl:

My Hear Mir-Your kineman and old triend, Barney Hoff, is now two feeble from age and failing sight to communicate with you in his own hand and sharefare requests me to write, this for him. He has no organic Alessas and suffer no pain, but is quite iseble as a natural consequence of old figs. The inclined check, he says, is a small token of his kind regurd and in grateful remain-brance of your many kindnesses to him in his time of need. Yours truly. Withche Instant

A Stitch In Time. The man who bousted of taking a buth regularly once a year, whether he needed it or not, was a brother to the wise men who repair their roads on the came principle. The time to repair a road is when it needs it



BACKBONE OF AGRICULTURE

Varieties of Sheep and Value of Their Products.

The bleating of lambs is once more heard in the land, says a writer in London Sketch, and the interesting treatures may be seen disporting themselves on the greensward in the sheepfield or wending their way through rural lanes. Wherever found, they make a picture of unstudied grace. No posing for the camera here-just a wild absorbenment to a sense of enjoyment as they bask in the annahine. The present season has been a favorable one; for the lambs the wind bas been tempered indeed, and, although the turnips are small and



scarce, the grass lands have afforded centinual pasture. A visit to the sheep fold will put up quite a cloud of birds -finches, sparrows, starlings and jackdaws, who come to devour the scattered

I have photographed nearly every breed of sheep in these islands, includ-ing the wild species found at the soo-logical gardens, the Welsh mountain and Irish Roscommon in their native pastures, and the tiny Shetlands, and in every case the lambs, when slarmed, rush to their dams for comfort before taking flight, thus exhibiting the inctincts of their remote ancestors, who, being comparatively defenseless, had to take to the upper ranges of monn-tains and trust to their fleetness of foot for safety, their constant exposure to a low temperature eventually inducing the growth of a warm, woolly covering. In due time they were introduced to this country, and ever since the dawn of history Britain has been celebrated for its wool. The Romans very highly esteemed it, and garments made from British wool were worn by their nobility. Indeed it is asserted by some that our immense foreign trade commenced with the expert of wool to the continent. Be that so it may, it is an andoubted fact that weep remain today the backbone of agriculture. First, there is the meat. Early lambs always command a good price, as also do good theaves, wethers and ewes. Then the wool—although its price and quality vary from the instrons and valuable fleeces obtained from the long wooled Lincolns to the course but useful variety obtained from the Scotch highlands and mountains of Cumberland-brings in a considerable sum. Then, too, sheep are known, in the picturesque language of Spain, as the animals with golden feet, because wherever they have been folded over the land enormous crops are sure to grow, and, lastly, there is the breeding of pedigree sheep, which has developed enormously in recent times, so that prices which would have seemed fabilious to our forefathers have been obtained for a single sheep, the high water mark being reached last year. when a Lincoln ram, owned by Mr. Dudding of Grimsby, was sold for 1,000 guiness. Others have been sold for 200 guineas and upward, many of them for export. British stock having won a worldwide renown.

Batting Young Pigv.

If the young pigs lie in the nest much of the time, they will become fat and sleek, and the feeder may imagine he is accomplishing excellent results. But before long it will be noticed that they seem to breathe hard, breathing by short, panting breaths. In advanced

This trouble is known as thumps and is caused by the pig getting far

around the heart. Exercise is the preventive and cure. The pig must be kept stirring and not allowed to lie around in this way.

their feet to gather it up. Get in the pen and atir them out of their nest and force them to run about; but, bost of all, turn them out in a lot

chance to get auy.

As they grow older and there is no UNCLE IKE ON MISSIONS. danger of their becoming too fat give thers some skimmilk in a low trough, and also mix in a thick slop ground wheat or middlings or outs with the shneks sifted out, and give also in a low trough.

Buttermith is equally as valuable as skimmilk, if fed without the namal admixture of water from washing the butter in the churn.

The wash water may be utilized by mixing with grain. If any be left, it should be removed. —Farm Journal.

"Have you a last request to make?" asked the king of the Cannibal islands,

addressing the missionary. The latter glanced at his august majesty (so called by reason of his sum-

mer attire), and replied :: "Yes, Great One. When I left my native heath, I promised to write to a brother in this line of work and tell him how I liked the country. If your majesty pleases, I should like to write him a few words."

The king reflected for a moment. "There can be no objection to that, so far as I can see. You may proceed." The missionary's hands were untied. and there upon a piece of bark he in-

scribed the following words: Deep Priand—This is a delightful country. There is but our objection to it, and that, I fear, will account for the fact that I shall slower me you again, There is plently to not here—but the cook-ing will kill me. Farurell.

This being finished, the king directed

his slaves to stir the caldron and the preparation of the meal proceeded.

A Tale From the Mysteriotis East. The last wonderful tale being told among the Burmese in Itangoon is concerning a monster egg. A few months ngo near Shwebo the villagers heard a strange and mysterious voice in the jungle uttering in Burmese the words, "I am going to lay," which were repeated frequently several times a day for many days. Eventually the egg was laid, and its size is said to exceed that of ten large paddy baskets. Nobody will go near this egg, from which now come the words, "I am going to hatch," also repeated many times every day,— Times of Burmah.

Looking Up at Gibraltar. Perhaps the tavorite sight of Gibraltar is the daily procession at sundown for the locking of the town gates. The keeper of the keys, looking very like a prisoner despite his uniform, marches through the town in the center of a military guard, proceded by a regimental band, which plays inspiring and familiar tunes. The keys, of enermous size, are borne atoft before him as an outward and visible emblem of the vigilance of Britain in guarding

her prime military treasure. On arriving at the gates the guard safates, the martial strains strike up with a redoubled paean of triumph. while the great doors slowly swing to and are selemnly locked for the night Then right about turn, and the procession marches back to the convent to deposit the keya in the governor's keeping, conveying by its passage an assurance to the people and garrison that they may rest in pence.

Once the gates are shut, it were easfer for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for any unauthorized person to go into Gibraltar. Even a belated officer returning from pig sticking beyond the lines would be confronted by so many formalities and the necessity of inconveniencing so many high personages that he would probably prefer to encounter the discomfort of a Spanish inn without.

momme Pandleton & Jump LIVERY STABLE. Feed Yard and Corrais.

Fine Rigs: Hay and Grain.

The Tone of Oxford University. The atmosphere of culture which per-vades every part of the university is the truest cause of Oxford's greatness. Dull indeed must the student be who is not touched and deeply influenced by this great force during his universstages they will turn green of black on ity life. It strikes the foreigner limine diately. The first evidence of it comes perhaps in the course of the first conversation in a student's room, at which he happens to be present. He will not fail to notice the correctness of expression, and usually the vigor and fresh-Bess of thought, which are the salient characteristics of the conversation of the best Oxford men. Of course there are exceptious. There are frequent examples of the literary dude in Oxford as well as anywhere else of the man who sacrifices all prefense to sinor yard as soon as possible and they will take exercise for themselves.

The feed about the given in a side pen, where the mother sow cannot gobble it all up before the pigs have had a vard Bulletin.

So yea're wantin my subscription for the missionany cruse, And yet may that Ungle Die is one of them that

When he's asked to do his duty, sendin out the

To the far of savage heathen ground to the glaces of night.

Yee, I've done my duty, parson, prayin all that I

I could hear them heathen callin for the grapul's anvin power,

And the missionary service seemed a birased, hely

But this year it seems so diffrent, and things meen all turned around,
old "Greenland's tey mountains" has a

queer and funny smund-For them beathen don't seem willin to be gon-

pelined by us. And we've got to change our methods, and we're In an awful more.

And it seems en've been mistaken and have lost a lot of time.

And our wentimental foolin might in fact be call-

ed a orine; For a foundred years of proachin 'pears hus done but little good, And our missionary brackers might as well bee

dauta wood.

While our pious Yankee preachers, with their fitbles and their schools Count a hundred Christian converts made by sim-

ple grapel tools, England, with her shells and cannon on rich "Indy's coral strand," Count her stillions and repeats it down in "Afric's golden sand."

ones I seen in print,

And I guess our "scribes and elders" have at last took up the hint English means Have been givin them just lately over in the

missionary money comes this year from what he pays as war tax. He, I've not "gone on a strike,"

if Gailin gums is better than the story of the Then your missionery preachin's nothin but a

No. I'm not s-gittin stingy on the missionary For I'm prayin more'n I used to, but this queer snim to trand his

Goes out more to them "home missions" that are doin all they can To convert our fightin Christians to the brotherhood of man.

Garnes McA. Minten.

Her Theory.

Mrs. Mild-You seem to differ from the usual idea about coddling a man to win his consent. According to your theory, scolding is the best medium for winning satisfactory results.

Mrs. Wild-That, my dear, is in accord with one of the laws of nature. Everything has got to be blown up before it will come down,-Richmond Dispatch

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